

Racial Attitudes Questionnaire

Instructions: This is a study of attitudes toward American racial and ethnic groups. Specifically, the purpose of this study is to understand the views of majority group members toward Blacks. We are asking questions about some sensitive issues. We recognize that sometimes it is not easy to be completely frank and honest, but your answers will help us better understand students' attitudes toward these important issues.

This questionnaire is anonymous, we do not want you to put your name on the questionnaire or the answer sheet. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. If you do not feel you can answer these questions honestly, please do not fill out the questionnaire.

Record your answers on the scantron sheet only, do not write on the questionnaire. Some of the questions might seem repetitive, but they should each be considered independently and we would like you to answer them all. Your answers are vital to the success of this study. Thank you in advance for your help.

Part I

Instructions: Use the scale printed below each item to indicate your agreement with each of the following statements concerning Blacks.

1. Blacks hold too many positions of power and responsibility in this country.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

x2. Blacks dominate American politics more than they should.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

3. When Blacks are in positions of authority, they discriminate against Whites when making hiring decisions.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

4. Too much money is spent on educational programs that benefit Blacks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

5. Blacks have more economic power than they deserve in this country.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

6. Blacks receive too much of the money spent on healthcare and childcare.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

x7. Too much money per student is spent on education for Blacks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

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8. The tax system favors Blacks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

9. Many companies hire less qualified Blacks over more qualified Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

x10. Blacks have more political power than they deserve in this country.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

x11. Public service agencies favor Blacks over Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

x12. The legal system is more lenient on Blacks than on Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

Part II

Instructions: Use the scale printed below each item to indicate your agreement with each of the following statements concerning Whites.

13. Whites and Blacks have very different values.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

14. Blacks have no right to think they have better values than Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

15. Blacks want their rights to be put ahead of the rights of Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

16. Blacks don't understand the way Whites view the world.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

17. Blacks do not value the rights granted by the Constitution (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) as much as Whites do.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

18. Blacks and Whites have different family values.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

19. Blacks don't value the traditions of their group as much as Whites do.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

20. Blacks regard themselves as morally superior to Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

21. The values of Blacks regarding work are different from those of Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

22. Most Blacks will never understand what Whites are like.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

23. Blacks should not try to impose their values on Whites.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

24. Whites do not get as much respect from Blacks as they deserve.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

For each of the items listed below, indicate how you feel when interacting with Blacks.

25.	A Not at all Nervous	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Nervous
26.	A Not at all Friendly	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Friendly
27.	A Not at all Uncertain	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Uncertain
28.	A Not at all Comfortable	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Comfortable
29.	A Not at all Worried	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Worried
30.	A Not at all Trusting	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Trusting
31.	A Not at all Threatened	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Threatened
32.	A Not at all Confident	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Confident
33.	A Not at all Awkward	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Awkward
34.	A Not at all Safe	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Safe
35.	A Not at all Anxious	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely Anxious
36.	A Not at all At Ease	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J Extremely At Ease

Part IV

Please estimate the percentage of Blacks who possess each of the following traits?

Use the following scale to indicate your answers.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
0-10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	41-50%	51-60%	61-70%	71-80%	81-90%	91-100%

37. Hard-working

38. Unintelligent

39. Arrogant

40. Aggressive

41. Modest

42. Athletic

43. Ambitious

44. Untrustworthy

45. Insincere

46. Materialistic

47. Loud

48. Clannish (they stick together too much)

Part V

For each of the items listed below, indicate what your attitudes are toward most Blacks.

My attitude toward most Blacks is:

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|-----|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 49. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Hostility
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Hostility | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Admiration
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Admiration | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Dislike
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Dislike | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 52. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Acceptance
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Acceptance | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 53. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Superiority (to Blacks)
At All | | | | | | | | Very Superior
to Them | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 54. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Affection
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Affection | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 55. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Contempt
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Contempt | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 56. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Approval
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Approval | |
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| 57. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Hatred
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Hatred | |
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| 58. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Sympathy
At All | | | | | | | | Extreme
Sympathy | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 59. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Rejection (of Blacks)
At all | | | | | | | | Extreme
Rejection | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 60. | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J |
| | No Warmth
Toward Them | | | | | | | | Extreme Warmth
Toward Them | |

Part VI

Rate each of the following traits in terms of how good or bad it is for a person to possess it.

61. Hard-working

[illegible]

62. Unitelligent

[illegible]

63. Arrogant

[illegible]

64. Aggressive

[illegible]

65. Modest

[illegible]

66. Athletic

[illegible]

67. Ambitious

[illegible]

68. Untrustworthy

[illegible]

69. Insincere

[illegible]

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

Part VII: Experiences with Blacks. Please indicate how frequently you have experienced the following types of treatment from Blacks in general.

73. Been treated as inferior.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

74. Been insulted.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

75. Been ridiculed.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

76. Been discriminated against.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

77. Been rejected.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

78. Been harassed.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

79. Been put down.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

80. Been taken advantage of.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

81. Been unfairly criticized.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

82. Been verbally abused.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

83. Been threatened with harm.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

84. Been made to feel unwanted.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

85. Been physically harmed.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

86. Been intimidated.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Never		Rarely		Occasionally		Often		Very Frequently

Part VIII

Please indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.

87. Overall, my racial/ethnic group has very little to do with how I feel about myself.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

88. My racial/ethnic group is an important reflection of who I am.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

89. My racial/ethnic group is unimportant to my sense of what kind of person I am.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

90. In general, my racial/ethnic group is an important part of my self-image.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

91. Relations between Blacks and Whites have always been characterized by conflict.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

92. Blacks and Whites have a troubled history in the U.S.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

93. Although sometimes it is not visible, there is a racial battle going on in this country.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

94. Blacks and Whites have never been able to get along in this country.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

95. There is a great difference between the status of Blacks and Whites in this society.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly			Mildly			Mildly			Strongly
Disagree			Disagree			Agree			Agree

96. In America, Whites have more political power than Blacks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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Strongly Disagree		Mildly Disagree		Mildly Agree		Strongly Agree
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97. In this society Whites are much better off economically than Blacks.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly Disagree		Mildly Disagree				Mildly Agree			Strongly Agree

98. The differences in status, power, and wealth between Blacks and Whites are decreasing.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly Disagree		Mildly Disagree				Mildly Agree			Strongly Agree

99. The differences between Whites and Blacks in status, power, and wealth should not exist.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Strongly Disagree		Mildly Disagree				Mildly Agree			Strongly Agree

Part IX

Demographic Information

100. Age:

A = 18-20 B = 21-25 C = 26-30 D = 31-35 E = 36-40
F = 41-45 G = 46-50 H = 51-55 I = 56-60 J = 61 and above

101. Ethnicity:

A = Black
B = Caribbean Black
C = Asian-American
D = Caucasian, Non-Hispanic
E = Native American Indian
F = Hispanic
G = Mixed heritage (at least part Black)
H = Mixed heritage (but not of Black heritage)
I = Other

102. Gender

A = Female B = Male

103. Where were you born

A = United States, Canada
B = Latin American
C = Caribbean
D = Europe, Former Soviet Union
E = Africa
F = Asia
G = India
H = Middle East
I = Pacific Islands
J = Other

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP